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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 August 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/12/05.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-11 are pending.

The prior art submitted on 8/12/05 has been considered.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 4, and 9-11, are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternate only, and/or, cannot depend from any other multiple dependent claim. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-11, are rejected under 35 U.S.C.103(a) as being unpatentable over Mee (6111523) in view of Awada (6515596).

As per claim 1, Mee discloses a method for synchronizing a clock of a traffic monitoring system, comprising of periodically transmitting a synchronization signal to the traffic monitoring system from a remote location, wherein said signal forms and indication of the exact time (see columns 5-6, lines 66-29), comparing the time indicated by the clock with the synchronization signal (see column 5, lines 19-65), and adjusting the time indicated by the clock if different from the synchronization signal (see columns 7-8, lines 52-40; and columns 8-10, lines 61-33). Mee

does not disclose the synchronization signal is transmitted from a satellite. However, Awada disclose the synchronization signal is transmitted from a satellite (see columns 2-3, lines 25-15). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teach of Mee by combining the synchronization signal is transmitted from a satellite for reporting vehicle positions that are precisely synchronized.

As per claim 2, Awada disclose satellite is a navigation satellite and the location of the system is also determined from the received synchronization signal (see columns 2-3, lines 25-15).

As per claim 3, Mee discloses the time derived from the received synchronization signal is adjusted to the location determined on the basis of the synchronization signal (see columns 7-8, lines 52-40; columns 8-10, lines 61-33; and columns 11-12, lines 30-52).

As per claim 4, Mee discloses the operation of the traffic monitoring system is controlled on the basis of the time and/or location derived from the synchronization signal (see columns 2-3, lines 47-67).

As per claim 5, Mee discloses a control signal is transmitted to the traffic monitoring system along with the synchronization signal (see columns 5-6, lines 66-29).

Claims 6-10, are system claims corresponding to method claims 1-5 above. Therefore, they are rejected for the same rationales set forth as above.

As per claim 11, Mee discloses monitoring is adapted to record the monitored traffic situation on the basis of a recording signal which is generated by the controller on the basis of a criterion (see columns 6-7, lines 30-51), wherein the controller is adapted to adjust the criterion

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to the time and/or location, optionally on the basis of the control signal transmitted together with the synchronization signal (see columns 7-8, lines 52-40; and columns 8-10, lines 61-33).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

. Laird et al. (6647361)

. Glier et al. (6760061)

. Kavner (7145475)

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dalena Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-6968. The examiner can normally be reached on M-W (in a first week of a bi-week), and T-R (in a second week of bi-week) from 7:00AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Khoi H. Tran can be reached on 571-272-6919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Patent Examiner

Dalena Tran

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